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	Examiner Name	Gary B. Nickol
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF ELECTION OF SPECIES

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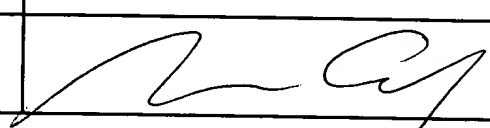
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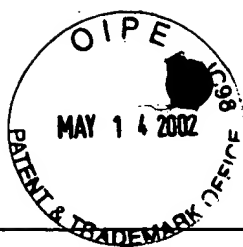
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2003, Applicants elect the following species requested by the Office: inflammatory or autoimmune conditions, atherosclerosis (claims 4 and 5) and vascular smooth muscle cells (claim 39). The Office has indicated that claims 4-5 and 39 are generic. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 3 also is generic to the elected species. Applicants now request favorable consideration of the above-identified patent application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, Applicants elect the claims of Group II (claims 3-5), drawn to a method of diagnosing a disease state.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 10-21, 28, 32, 34-36 and 38, amend claim 3 as indicated below and add new claim 39.

3. (Amended) A method for diagnosing a disease state in a patient in which human 12-lipoxygenase, distinct from that found in human platelets and distinct from human 15-lipoxygenase, or 12-HETE is an etiological agent which comprises:

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- (i) obtaining a physiological specimen from said patient; and
 - (ii) determining whether said etiological agent or antibodies to said etiological agent are present in said specimen.